

# Adapted Aquatics

## Volunteers Needed



### Why become a Swim Buddy?

- Fulfill Volunteer Hour Requirements
- Gain Experience for Employment
- Develop Disability Awareness



### Who can become a Swim Buddy?

- Anyone 14 & Older
- Anyone Ready to Make a Difference
- Anyone Willing to Help Participants Feel More Included in Their Community



### What will Swim Buddies do?

- Work in Pairs with a Participant
- Provide a Sense of Inclusion
- Help Meet Participants' Individual Needs in the Water



### How can I become a Swim Buddy?

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The Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund, Inc. is dedicated to improving the lives of children, teens, and adults with special needs and their families. The fund was formed after the tragic drowning of Joey Pizzano, a wonderful six-year-old, developmentally delayed child who touched many people's lives with his bright smile and love of life. Joey's family decided to create a foundation in his name that would become a living tribute to celebrate Joey's life.

Joey had a bright smile, hearty laugh and a love of life that touched many people's lives. Joey loved his family, he loved the water and he loved to swim. The Pizzano family wanted to celebrate Joey's life through the foundation in hopes that his smile would be seen through the faces of other children with disabilities enjoying the water and their families.



Adaptive Recreation partnered with the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund in 2006. The JPMF Splash! Program, Loudoun County Adaptive Recreation, and Volunteers "[Swim Buddies](#)" have touched many aspects of the participants' lives. They have enriched the lives of many individuals with disabilities by promoting physical fitness, exposing them and their families to a life-long leisure activity, as well as, social interaction with non-disabled peers and community integration.

[Swim Buddies](#) are integral to the success of the JPMF Splash! program. To ensure success, participants are paired one to one with "swim buddies" to meet the varying needs and abilities of each individual. They are then led through structured water skills and safety lessons by an adapted aquatics instructor. JPMF Splash! enables the participants to develop water skills while also learning how to be safe and have fun in and around the water.